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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

COLORADO BULLETIN NO.: CO-440-06-04 Date: July 6, 2006

SUBJECT: PGM – Retention Of Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
61F Funds for Fiscal year (FY) 2001 Contracts

TO: Area Conservationists
District Conservationists
Area Resource Conservationist-Programs (ARC-P)

PURPOSE: To inform Area and District Conservationists about the continuation
of 61 F fund used for FY 2001 WHIP Contracts.

EXPIRATION DATE: September 30, 2006

On June 15, 2006, the President signed Emergency supplemental appropriations that in summary states, "Funds made available for the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program ... shall remain available until expended to disburse obligations made for fiscal year 2001 and are not available for new obligations."

National Bulletin: 440-6-6 has been rescinded, thus Colorado Bulletin: 440-06-03 has been rescinded. However, emphasis is still placed on getting all conservation practices in these contracts applied. Options provide in Colorado Bulletin: 440-06-03 as follows are still viable:

1. Urge participants to make every effort to complete WHIP contracts.
2. Follow-up with participants that received a letter under the previous guidance and inform them of the new guidance (contracts do not have to be completed by September 30, 2006, but implemented as scheduled or as soon as possible.)
3. Provide participants an opportunity to request cancellation of their contract if they cannot meet the contract requirements as agreed.
4. If the participant takes no action or does not respond to a letter, take steps to terminate contract.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allen Green", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

ALLEN GREEN
State Conservationist

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